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So many Churches, so many Religions Mark

≡ What are Man's Problems?

A) Atheism

1) optimistic ~~Relativism~~ Humanism

a) man is good

b) Problem = ignorance

c) Progress is inevitable.

as far back as 1400 BC → 1800 industrial rev.
Julian Huxley - man has made it. He can take control
of his own destiny, How? - Through education

a) Fallacies

a) are we living in utopia? NO way

b) Psychology isn't working. Highest # of
suicide is in western rich world.

c) Wars.

d).

b) How do you live in Optimistic Humanism

a) Blind faith,

2) Pessimistic Humanism

a) Life is absurd

b) Problem. How to live?

- create meaning -

- Hedonism. see despair.

c) Fallacies

- who can live consistently with this?

- Kansas - dust in wind.

what's use in living? why

not commit suicide

3) Relativism

a) nothing is absolute

b) Problem?

who decides?

- individual autonomy

- Majority Rule → who decides what %

- Rule by Elite → rules change all time,
↳ they decide how you should live.

Fallacies

- never consistent w/ own view!

- They actually do have absolutes

- Hippies say - do your own thing

- Viet Nam War is wrong!

II Pantheism

A) Impersonal life force

B) Problem: Wheel of Maya - reincarnation

C) Nirvana

Problems

A) no personality - no personhood
no relating

B) Is it livable?

C) God is good + evil. There is no good + evil.

D) Everything is an illusion

III Monothelism

A) Define

- ① Personal God
- ② Problem: Sin
- ③ Christ
 - justification
 - propitiation
 - redemption